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Office Action Summary

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Alexander Boakye

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haagh et al. (US Patent # 5,151,920) in view of Stein et al. (US Patent # 5,291,517).

Regarding claim 1, Haagh teaches a spread spectrum demodulator (115, Fig. 5; the claimed spread spectrum demodulator is contained at the receiver end) for demodulating a plurality of received spread spectrum signals, comprising: a timing detector for receiving amplitude components of the plurality of received spread spectrum signals (column 5, lines 1-6 ; the symbol clock recovery circuit block 190, Fig. 5 corresponds to the claimed timing detector), the amplitude components being produced by de-spreading and then polar-coordinates converting the spreading spectrum signals (column 5, lines 15-21; block 185 of Fig. 5 is for polar-coordinates converting the spreading spectrum signals), establishing initial synchronization individually for the spread spectrum signals by detecting maximum values of the amplitude components (column 5, lines 58-63).

Furthermore, Haagh teaches a plurality of frequency components of the respective spread spectrum signals (column 5, lines 64- 68) the frequency components being produced by de-spreading and then polar-coordinates converting the spread

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spectrum signals (column 5, lines 15-21 ; column 5, lines 64-68 ;). Haag differs from the claimed invention in that Haag does not disclose a plurality of correctors.

However, Stein teaches a plurality of correctors (see Fig. 3 ; column 3, lines 20-24).

One of ordinary skill would have been motivated to incorporate a plurality of correctors into the receiver portion of Stein in order to be able to reconstruct the source signal. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a plurality of correctors such as the one taught by Stein into the receiver portion of Haag with the motivation being that it provides proper synchronization, thus enhancing efficiency.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Boakye whose telephone number is (703) 308-9554. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHI Pham, can be reached on (703) 305-4378. The fax number for the group is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750.

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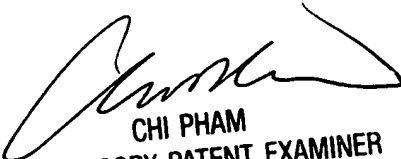
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